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Dear Stan:-

As per my long letter to you of May 5, plus enclosures, this is a relatively brief letter on somewhat related matters.

First, next fall's meeting of the Patterson School Board of Advisors (BOA) starts on Thursday evening, September 29, through Sunday morning, October 2. We hope you can join us, as a BOA member, although we know that your schedule is not fully in your own hands on these matters, and that your schedule is subject to last-minute changes. Nevertheless, you may wish to circle these days on your calendar for next fall. Admiral "Rivets" Rivero will be with us as a special BOA guest, plus a few other VIP guests, plus most of the BOA members who are themselves VIP's. If you should want to give a public lecture on campus on that Thursday evening, September 29, to "kick off" the BOA events, we would be delighted to set that up.

Second, and more generally, if you would like for yourself and/or some of your top people to get some exposure in occasional public lectures on campuses around the nation, I would be very pleased to serve as your unofficial "booking agent." I could make discreet phone calls to appropriate academic friends on almost any major campus (and many small campuses) around the nation, merely indicating that you are a longtime personal friend of mine, that I think you might be receptive to an invitation to speak under that school's auspices, etc., and in this way start the ball rolling for you to get the kinds of invitations that you might desire. I could perform this function of the "booking agent" from my Lexington office here merely as a friendly (free) personal service, or as part of my duties in Washington if the arrangements suggested in my Memo #4 of May 3 should work out.

Third, if President Carter himself should ever want to lecture in Kentucky, assure him that the Patterson School would be more than happy to arrange it in Lexington. We owe him "equal time" in any case, in that former President Ford was our guest lecturer a month ago. Moreover, this is "Carter country"--our Governor, our two U.S. Senators,

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our local district U.S. Congressman, and our Mayor of Lexington were rather early Carter supporters. Carter carried Kentucky by a significant margin. His statewide campaign manager was Dale Sights of Henderson, who is a close cousin of our Graduate School Dean Wimberly Royster. Surely, the President of the United States scarcely needs an invitation to speak anywhere he wishes, but President Carter nevertheless has a warm invitation to speak here anytime.

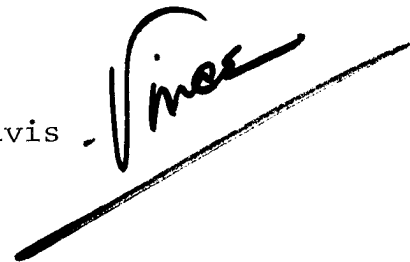
Fourth, if you and any of your people should ever need to "get away from Washington" for small and totally confidential meetings, Eastern Airlines has several one-hour non-stop flights each day each way. I could easily arrange to get you in and out of Lexington with no press attention and with no other public attention, arranging various kinds of totally private places for your meetings here. Nobody would ever know that such meetings occurred. Again, this is merely a friendly personal service that I offer you, if you ever need it, at no cost to the government.

Fifth, and finally, on the ideas in my Memo #4 of May 3, I could note that President Lyndon B. Johnson appointed History Professor Eric Goldman of Princeton to work in the Johnson White House as some kind of "good-will ambassador" between the White House and the academic community. However, it never worked out very well, and Goldman went back to Princeton after a year or two. The Goldman name was relatively well known in some academic circles because of his books, but he had very few good personal contacts nationwide across the academic community. Furthermore, the "personal chemistry" between President Johnson and Professor Goldman was never right. Johnson did not know how to use a professor, and Goldman had little talent for conceiving and organizing a programmatic effort.

See you on May 23!

Warmest personal regards,

Vincent Davis

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